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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 2. CORRECTED)

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR IS US PINS ASEC
SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
FOR PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

1. DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO BEGIN
AT 0810 HOURS THIS MORNING (MARCH 12). THE PRIME MINISTER
ASKED THAT I CONVEY HIS GRATITUDE TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
HIS PROMPT AND COMPASSIONATE MESSAGE.

2. HE SAID HE DOUBTED THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING
FOR WASHINGTON TOMORROW. THIS WOULD BE A WEEK OF
NATIONAL MOURNING IN ISRAEL AND HE PERSONALLY
THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO BE ABSENT FROM
THE COUNTRY. HE SAID HE WOULD CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE CABINET MEETING ENDS THIS MORNING TO INFORM US
OF THE CABINET'S DECISION WHETHER HE SHOULD FURTHER POSTPONE
HIS JOURNEY. I TOLD HIM I WAS CERTAIN THE PRESIDENT WOULD
FULLY UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT WHATEVER DECISION THE CABINET
TOOK.

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3. BECAUSE HE SEEMED SO DISTRAUGHT, I CUT THE MEETING SHORT.
AS I LEFT HIS OFFICE THE PRIME MINISTER CALLED ME
BACK. EMBRACING ME, HE SOBBED, "MY FRIEND, THEY ONLY
CAME TO KILL. JUST TO KILL."

4. UNDERSTANDABLY, THE PRIME MINISTER APPEARED IN A
STATE OF DEEP EMOTIONAL SHOCK. HE IS ASHEN WITH FATIGUE

AND BENT BY THE SORROW OF A LONG NIGHT OF TRAGEDY.
IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I WOULD HOPE THE CABINET HAS THE
WISDOM TO PUT A FEW DAYS BETWEEN THE EVENTS OF LAST
EVENING AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

4. BEN-ELISSAR TOOK ME ASIDE AT THE DOOR TO SAY THEY
HAD NOT YET INFORMED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE DEATH
TOLL HAD RISEN TO 37 PERSONS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT
THREE TERRORISTS ARE STILL AT LARGE.
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